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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION OF)

CONSENT ORDER

JORGE A. RIVERO, M.D.

LICENSE NO. MA22771

TO PRACTICE MEDICINE AND SURGERY
IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

This matter was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Medical Examiners ("Board") upon receipt of information revealing the following:

- 1. Respondent, Jorge A. Rivero, M.D., License No. MA22771, is a physician licensed in the State of New Jersey and has been licensed at all times relevant hereto.
- 2. On or about August 10, 2005, in the Criminal Court of the State of New York, County of Kings, Respondent was convicted of Attempting to Offer a False Instrument for Filing in the First Degree, a class A misdemeanor, in violation of N.Y. Penal Law Section 110/175.35, in that he executed and filed false records and verification forms regarding the medical treatment of ten (10) New

York City Mass Transit Authority employees. Respondent was ordered to make restitution in the amount of fifteen thousand two hundred forty-one dollars (\$15,241) to the New York City Mass Transit Authority Comptroller.

- 3. On or about July 3, 2006, the New York State Department of Health, State Board for Professional Medical Conduct ("New York Board") filed a Statement of charges against Respondent based on Respondent's conviction on August 10, 2005. Specifically, the New York Board alleged that during the period in or about 2004 and 2005, Respondent knowingly and with intent to deceive, repeatedly issued false sick notes to excuse New York City Mass Transit Authority employees from work whom Respondent had not examined and who told him that they had missed work for non-medical reasons. The New York Board charged Respondent with professional misconduct as defined by N.Y. Educ. Law \$6530(9)(a)(i) as he had been convicted of an act constituting a crime under New York State law.
- 4. On or about July 11, 2006, the New York Board issued a Consent Order adopting the terms of a Consent Agreement signed by Respondent. Pursuant to the Consent Agreement, Respondent agreed not to contest the charges filed against him and agreed to a suspension of thirty-six (36) months, with the suspension stayed. Respondent was placed on probation for a period of thirty-six (36) months and ordered to pay a fine in the amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

- 5. The above criminal action taken by the sister State of New York provides grounds to take disciplinary action against Respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(f), in that Respondent has engaged in acts constituting a crime or offense involving moral turpitude or relating adversely to the activity regulated by the Board.
- 6. The above action taken by the sister State of New York provides grounds to take disciplinary action against Respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in New Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(g), in that Respondent has had his authority to engage in the activity regulated by the Board suspended by another state for reasons consistent with N.J.S.A. 45:1-21.
- 7. The above action by the sister State of New York provides grounds to take disciplinary action against Respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in new Jersey pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(e), in that Respondent has admitted and there is a finding that respondent engaged in professional misconduct.

It appearing that Respondent wishes to resolve this matter without formal proceedings and for good cause shown,

IT IS ON THIS 10th DAY OF May, 2007 ORDERED:

1. Respondent's license to practice medicine and surgery in the State of New Jersey shall be and hereby is suspended for a period of 36 months with the entire period of suspension to be stayed. Respondent's license shall be placed on probation for a

period of 36 months effective on the entry date of this Order.

2. Respondent shall satisfy the probationary terms of the New York Consent Order including satisfaction of the penalty. Any violation of the terms of the New York probation shall constitute grounds for an action for violation of this order.

STATE BOARD OF MEDICAL EXAMINERS

By: Sindy Paul, M.D.
Board President

I have read and understand the within Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms. Consent is hereby given to the Board to enter into this Order.

Jorge A. Rivero, M.D.

4-16-07 Date

Consent, as to form and entry:

Michael Handwerker, Esq.

Date